FIG.1

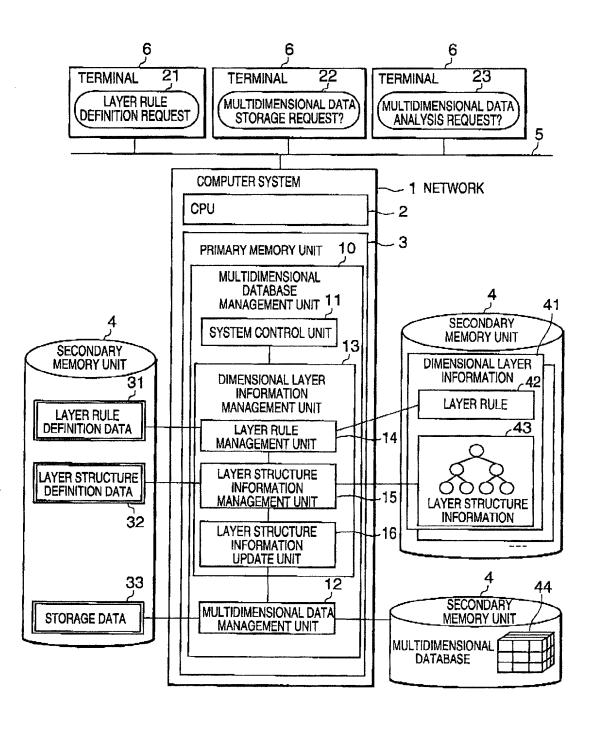


FIG.2

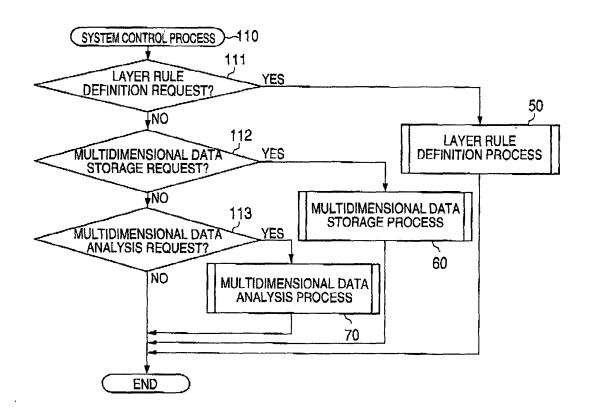


FIG.3

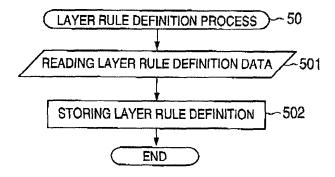


FIG.4

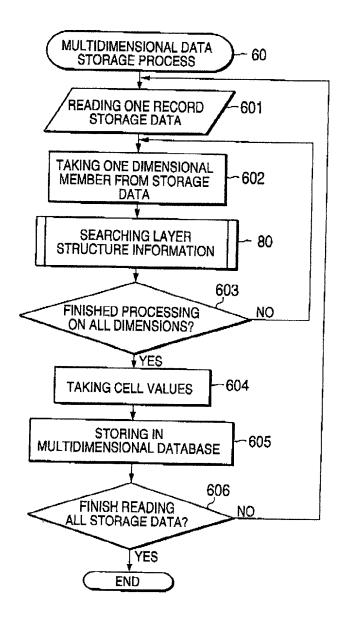


FIG.5

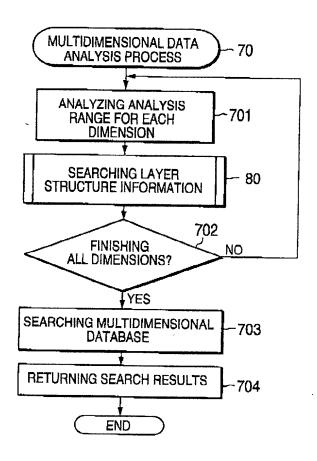


FIG.6

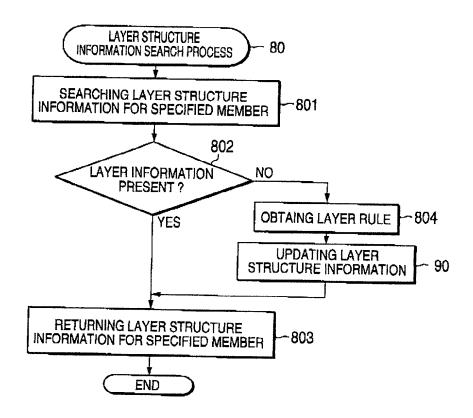
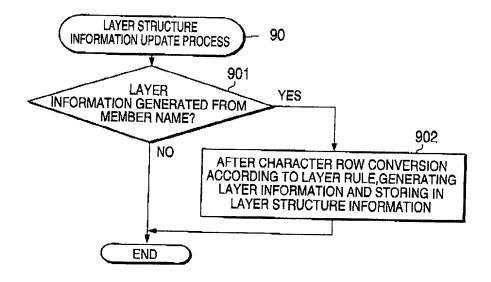


FIG.7



```
#LAYER RULE:
#AFTER CHARACTER ROW CONVERSION ON MEMBER, OBTAINING LAYER INFORMATION

FROM MEMBER NAME
LEVEL10=$ MEMBER NAME
LEVEL11={
    S/¥(.... ¥)0[123]/¥1Q1/
    S/¥(.... ¥)0[456]/¥1Q2/
    S/¥(.... ¥)0[789]/¥1Q3/
    S/¥(.... ¥)1[012]/¥1Q4/
]
LEVEL12={
    S/¥(.... ¥).../¥1/
]
```

FIG.9

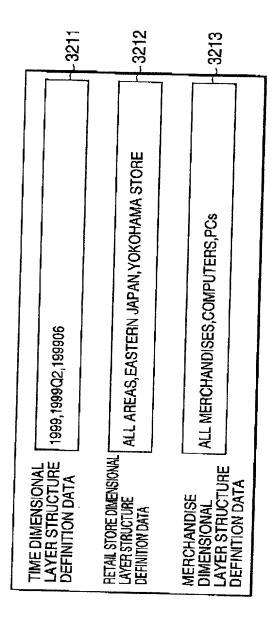
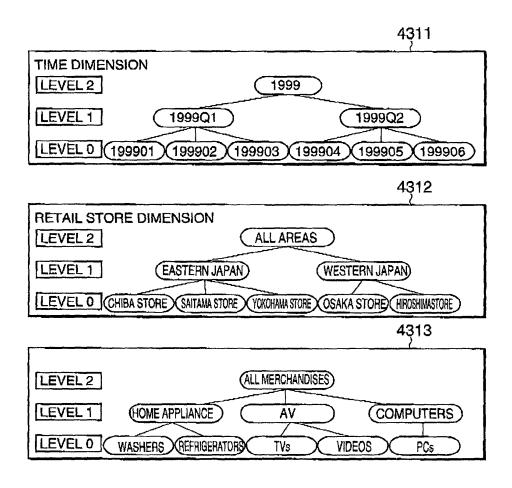


FIG.10



RETAIL STORE DIMENSIONAL LAYER RULE DEFINITION DATA

3120

#LAYER RULE:

#OBTAINING LAYER INFORMATION FROM CSV FORMATTED FILE

FROM FILE, CSV FILE

LEVELO=COLUMN 3

LEVEL1=COLUMN 2

LEVEL2=COLUMN 1

FIG.12

3126

ALL AREAS, EASTERN JAPAN, CHIBA STORE
ALL AREAS, EASTERN JAPAN, SAITAMA STORE
ALL AREAS, EASTERN JAPAN, YOKOHAMA STORE
ALL AREAS, WESTERN JAPAN, OSAKA STORE
ALL AREAS, WESTERN JAPAN, HIROSHIMA STORE

FIG. 13

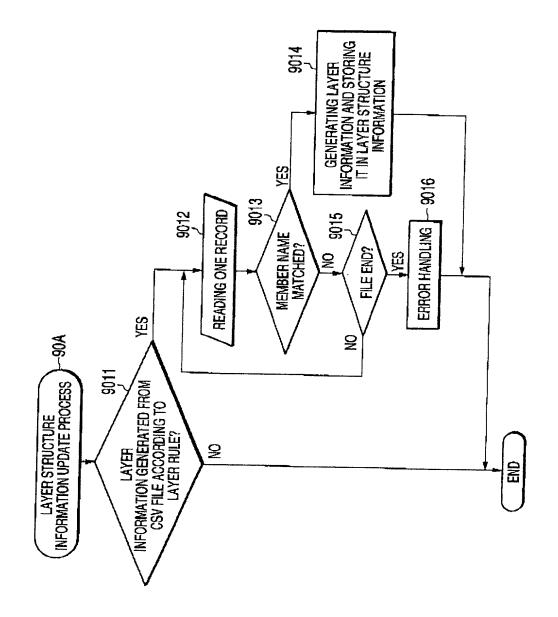
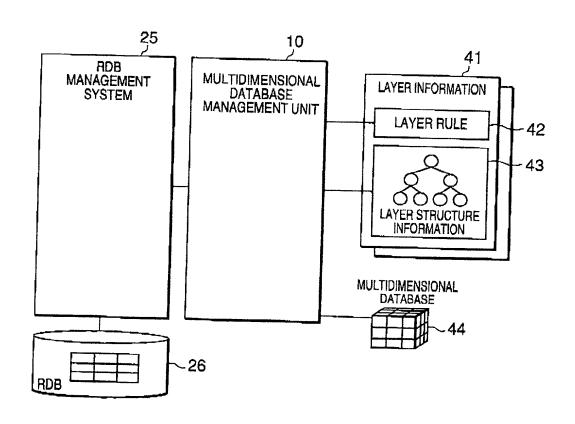


FIG.14



3130

MERCHANDISE DIMENSIONAL LAYER RULE DEFINITION DATA

#LAYER RULE : RDB PRODUCT MASTER LIST

#OBTAINING FROM COL1,COL2

FROM RDB PRODUCT MASTER LIST

LEVEL 0=SMALL CLASSIFICATION

LEVEL 1=LARGE CLASSIFICATION

LEVEL 2="ALL MERCHANDISE"

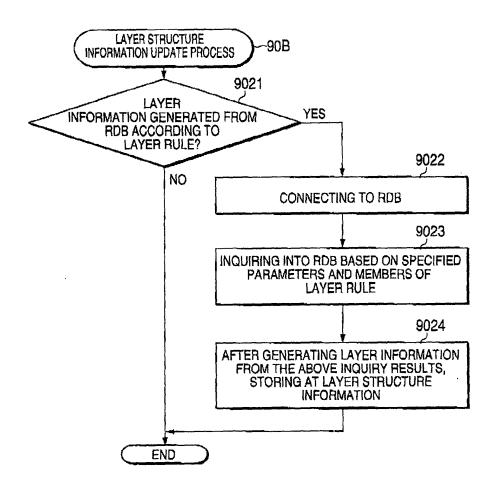
FIG.16

CONTENT OF RDB PRODUCT MASTER TABLE

HOME APPLIANCE	
AV	WASHERS REFRIGERATORS IVS VIDEOS PCs

261

FIG.17



		4 310
TIME DIMEN (WITHOUT L	ISION AYER STRUCTURE INFOR	MATION)
		4302
	RE DIMENSION	
LEVEL 2	(ALL A	REAS
LEVEL 1	EASTERN JAPAN	(WESTERN JAPAN)
LEVEL 0	CHIBA STORE SAITAMA STORE	OSAKA STORE (HROSHIMASTORE)
		4303
LEVEL 2	ALL MERC	HANDISES
LEVEL 1	HOME APPLIANCE	AV
LEVEL 0	WASHERS REFRIGERATORS	TVs VIDEOS
	4	3 04
UNIT DIMEN	SION(WITHOUT LAYER) (SALES UNIT) (SALES AMOUNT	

FIG.19

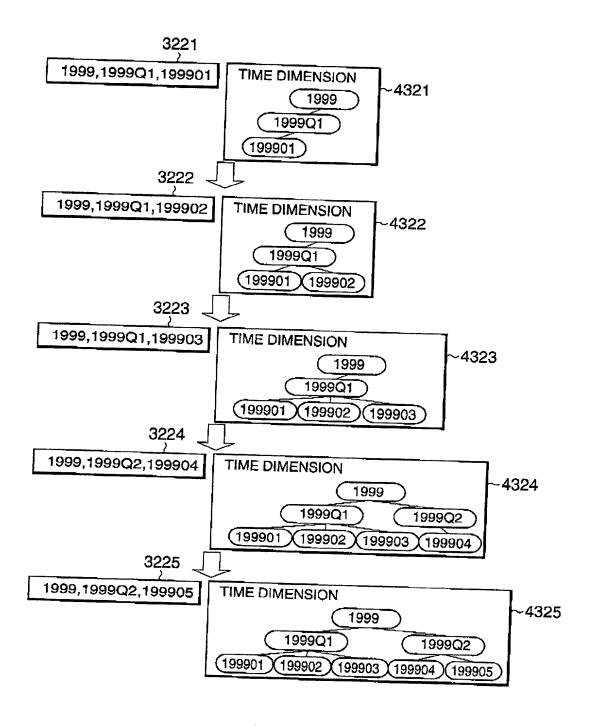


FIG.20 PRIOR ART

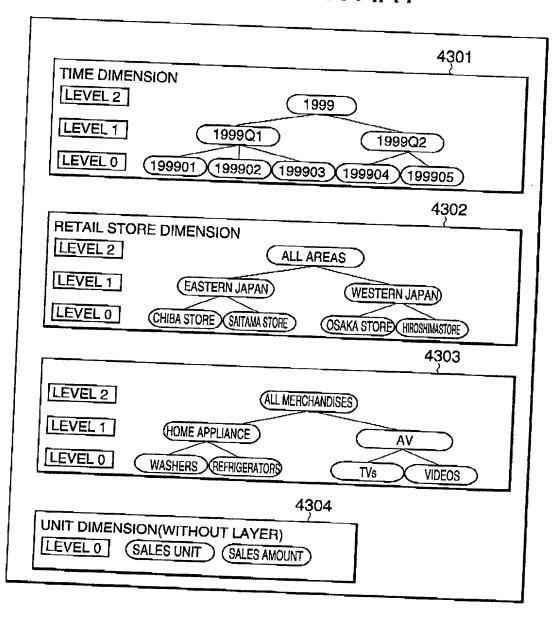


FIG.21 PRIOR ART

3201 TIME DIMENSIONAL 1999,1999Q1,199901 LAYER STRUCTURE 1999,1999Q1,199902 **DEFINITION DATA** 1999,1999Q1,199903 1999,1999Q2,199904 1999,1999Q2,199905 3202 RETAIL STORE ALL AREAS, EASTERN JAPAN, CHIBA STORE DIMENSIONAL ALL AREAS, EASTERN JAPAN, SAITAMA STORE LAYER STRUCTURE **DEFINITION DATA** ALL AREAS, WESTERN JAPAN, OSAKA STORE ALL AREAS, WESTERN JAPAN, HIROSHIMA STORE 3203 MERCHANDISE ALL MERCHANDISES, HOME APPLIANCE, **WASHERS** DIMENSIONAL LAYER STRUCTURE ALL MERCHANDISES, HOME APPLIANCE, REFRIGERATORS ALL MERCHANDISES, AV, TVs **DEFINITION DATA** ALL MERCHANDISES, AV, VIDEOS 3204 UNIT DIMENSION SALES UNIT LAYER STRUCTURE SALES AMOUNT DEFINITION DATA

FIG.22 PRIOR ART

3301

199901, SA	AITAMA STORE,	TVs,	22,	2420000
199901, OS	SAKA STORE,	REFRIGERATORS,	15,	1350000
199902, HI	ROSHIMA STORE,	VIDEOS,	42,	2940000
199902, SA	AITAMA STORE,	WASHERS,	21,	1680000
199903, CH	HIBA STORE,	VIDEOS,	33,	2310000
199904, HI	ROSHIMA STORE,	REFRIGERATORS,	18,	1620000
199905, CH	HIBA STORE,	TVs,	45,	4950000
	•			
	:			

FIG.23 PRIOR ART

MEHCHANDIS	MERCHANDISE DIMENSION	11/10						
UNIT DIMENSION	NO		TNUO					
TIME DIMENSION								
								1000
I RETAIL STORE				1000001				866
DIMENSION	199901	199902	199903	_	10001	100001	1999902	
CHIBA STORE	1100000	33000	770000		10000	CORRE		
CATTAIN CTOR	00000	2000	2000	2200000	1100000	960000	176000	306000
משוטווט מומשור	280000	000086	990009	264000	GROOO	000000		000000
EASTERN JAPAN	2090000	132000	4 400000	200	00000	380000	0000001	4290000
Analy s Arrone		105000	1430000	4840000	1760000	1650000	344000	OCEOCO
CONTROL	1100000	1100000	1100000	330000	44000	20000	nnon-to	0000000
HIROSHIMA STORE	330000	550000	1100000	000000	000011	000088	1100000	4400000
MICCATCON IN DASI	4 10000	20000	20000	1380000	1100000	960000	1760000	374000
WESTERN ONLYN	1430000	1650000	2200000	5280000	191000	1850000	200000	00001.00
ALLAREAS	3520000	297000	263000	000000	2000	nnncol	2880000	8140000
			200000	10/2000	29/0000	3300000	6270000	16390000
								20000

FIG.24 PRIOR ART

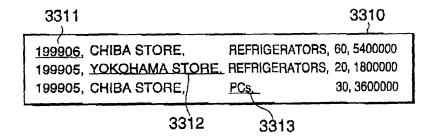
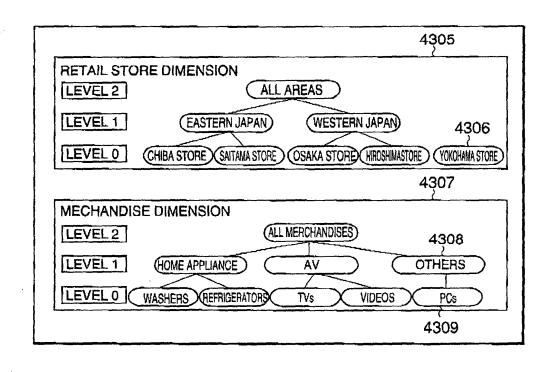


FIG.25 PRIOR ART



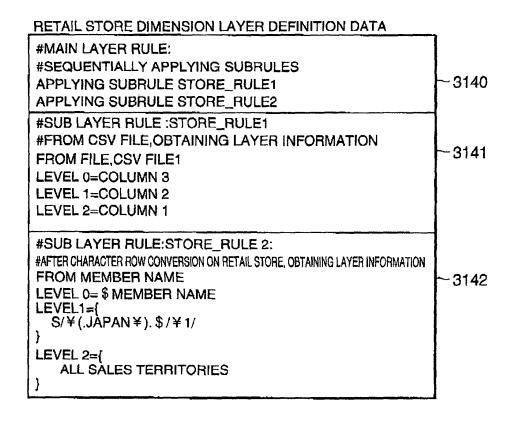


FIG.27

3340

199901, EASTERN JAPAN SAPPORO STORE, TVS,17, 1870000 199902, HIROSHIMA STORE, VIDEOS, 42, 2940000 199903, EASTERN JAPAN SAPPORO STORE, REFRIGERATOR,15,1350000

FIG.28

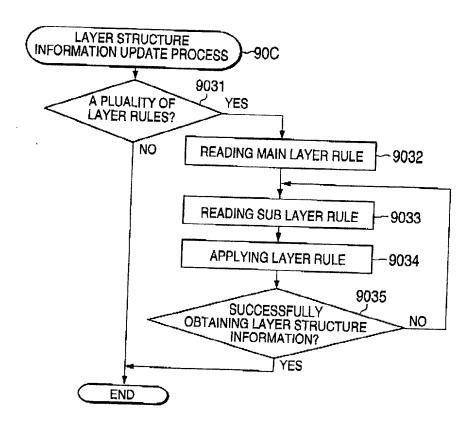


FIG.29

